by the affected States, wherever feasible, with naxal groups willing to abjure violence, (b) modernization and strengthening of the State police forces, long term deployment of para military forces,intensified intelligence based well-coordinated anti-naxalite operations, (c) focused attention on integrated development of the affected areas and (d) removal of socio-cultural alienation of people, gearing up of public grievances redressal system and creation of Local Resistance Groups.

Talks with Hurriyat leaders

† 2444. DR. CHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is going to talk to the leaders of Hurriyat Conference;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress so far made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) the Government is committed to having dialogue with ail groups and different shades of opinion in the State of Jammu and Kashmir on a sustained basis in consultation with the democratically elected State Government whenever needed. On two earlier occasions, the Government had held talks with the Hurriyat then led by Maulana Abbas Ansari.

Statutory Development Board for Konkan

2445. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had suggested to the State Government of Maharashtra to reconsider their proposal for establishment of separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.